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ALLARD "COCKFIGHTING BILL" PASSED BY SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE BATTLE OVER LEGISLATION NOW MOVES TO SENATE FLOOR

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today praised the Senate Agriculture Committee for approving his legislation to ban transportation of roosters across state lines for the participation in cockfights. The committee voted on a voice vote to send the bill to the Senate floor for consideration.

"We have cleared a major hurdle today," Allard said following passage his bill. "I want to commend and thank Chairman Lugar and the other members of the committee for their support for my legislation."

Allard, who is the only veterinarian in Congress, introduced his legislation (S.345) more than a year ago at the request of the Human Society and law enforcement officials. The bill has garnered more than 40 cosponsors in the Senate and a companion bill (HR 1275) has also been introduced in the House of Representatives.

"I will begin immediately working with the Majority Leader to arrange a time for a vote on my bill. My goal is to get this approved quickly," added Allard. "The fact that we just received the endorsement of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association should be a good omen for us."

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